

Approve 12/11/2012.

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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 21, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 OPENING ITEMS.

1.1 Call to Order. Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Newport Public Schools' Administration Center, in Room 924.

1.2 Roll Call. Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley, Vice Chairperson Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Jo Eva Gaines (absent), Robert J. Leary, Thomas S. Phelan, and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker. School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D. (absent), and Director of Grants, Professional Development, and Community Involvement Jacqueline Naspo, Ed.D.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.0 ACTION ITEM.

2.1 Direct Superintendent to forward required information to United Service Administrative Company – Schools and Library Division regarding Newport Public Schools' E-Rate Application to determine if unnecessary expenditure of \$190,000 in taxpayer funds can be avoided.

Chairperson Kelley stated that since Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi sent the required information to United Service Administrative Company – Schools and Library Division, regarding Newport Public Schools' E-Rate Application, to determine if unnecessary expenditure of \$190,000 in taxpayer funds can be avoided, the original motion, stated above, was not considered.

Ms. Bolan made a motion to direct the Superintendent to provide the School Committee all documentation, applications, e-mails, and memoranda regarding the 2010 E-Rate Process by Friday, November 30, 2012. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Leary requested that a copy of the fully executed contract be provided to the Committee. He further requested that the School Committee Policy regarding approval of district contracts be amended for First Reading at the Committee's December Meeting. He recommended that the Policy amendment reflect that all district contracts, over an agreed upon monetary threshold, require School Committee approval and be executed by the School Committee Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion that the Superintendent contact CBE Technologies and notify them that the district is awaiting a determination from United Service Administrative Company – Schools and Library Division and that they are not to proceed with installation until that determination is received. Mr. Phelan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION. No Executive Session was held.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT.

At 5:16 p.m., Mr. Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phelan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Patrick K. Kelley
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk